



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

North Elementary School  
Lancaster County  
Grades: K-5 Enrollment: 714  
Principal: Dr. Linda L. Blackwell  
Superintendent: Dr. Richard E. Moore  
Board Chair: Mr. Robert Parker

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Excellent	Good	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2012	Excellent	Good	Gold	N/A	A	Reward
2011	Good	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A

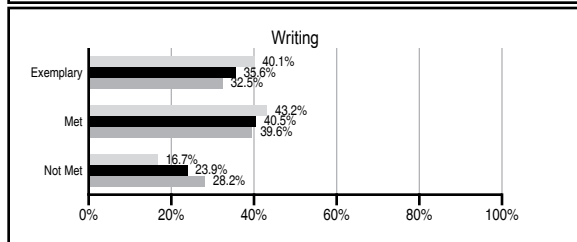
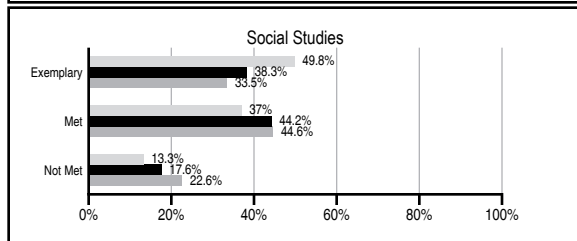
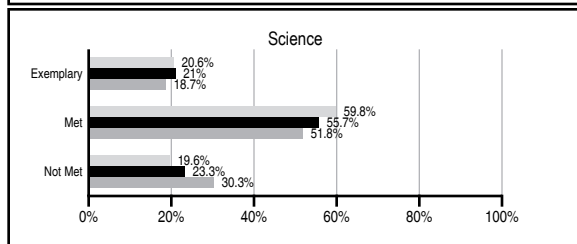
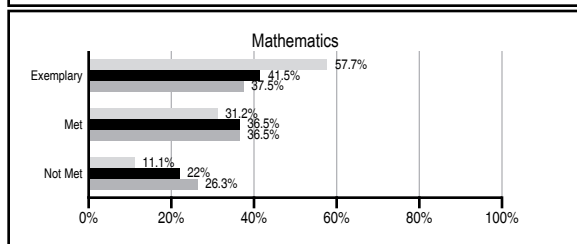
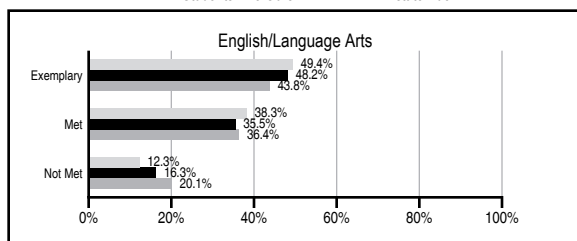
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
39	37	29	0	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

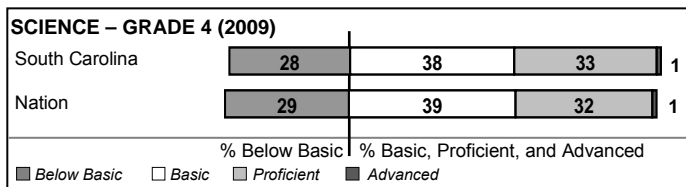
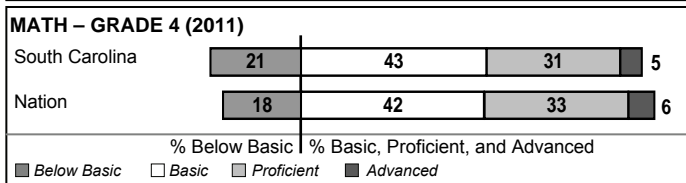
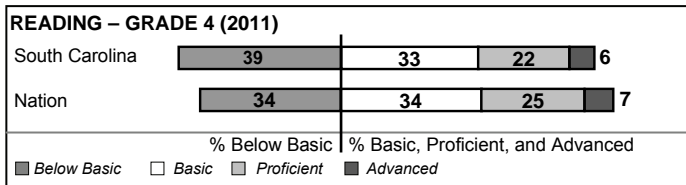
## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

### Abbreviations Key

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## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
<b>Students (n=714)</b>				
Retention rate	0.7%	Up from 0.0%	1.2%	0.9%
Attendance rate	96.4%	Down from 96.6%	96.2%	96.3%
Served by gifted and talented program	8.0%	N/A	8.8%	7.2%
With disabilities	12.2%	N/A	12.6%	12.4%
Older than usual for grade	0.4%	N/A	2.1%	1.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=42)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.7%	Down from 68.3%	64.1%	62.5%
Continuing contract teachers	73.8%	Down from 80.5%	86.2%	83.3%
Teachers returning from previous year	85.7%	Up from 84.3%	89.9%	88.3%
Teacher attendance rate	92.7%	Down from 95.7%	95.0%	95.0%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,787	Up 1.8%	\$49,103	\$48,193
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.0 days	Up from 10.2 days	11.4 days	11.0 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	14.0	Up from 13.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.5 to 1	Up from 19.9 to 1	20.6 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.0%	Down from 91.5%	90.1%	90.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 99.1%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,091	Up 4.1%	\$6,932	\$7,364
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.0%	Up from 72.7%	69.0%	68.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	72.0%	Up from 71.2%	66.5%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	97.6	Down from 98.6	89.8	88.0

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	25	108	63
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96%	91.6%	88.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100%	86.2%	90.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92%	92.6%	87.5%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

It has been another great year of learning at North Elementary! Our school-wide theme this year was iNorth, and our focus was laying the foundation for all students to be college and career ready. As we continue to implement the Common Core Standards, we recognize that inclusion of technology is imperative in our students becoming 21st Century Learners.

Students on each grade level were able to enjoy curriculum-based field trips that provided the opportunity for them to create community in their classrooms and make lasting memories. Our 5th grade students attended Camp Thunderbird and learned about teamwork through group dynamic activities such as compass exploration, zip lining, and canoeing. Our 4th graders experienced some swashbuckling excitement at the Pirates Voyage Dinner on their annual trip to Myrtle Beach. State history was the focus of our 3rd grade trip when they visited Fort Sumter and the USS Yorktown in Charleston. Our 2nd graders enjoyed their visit to Riverbanks Zoo as well as their walking tour to several landmarks in Lancaster County. Cotton Hills Farm provided our 1st graders with an authentic farming experience. And, kindergarten students and our exceptional education students explored nature and traveled through the seasons on their trips to Aw Shucks and McLeod's Farm. Our exceptional students are also our Green Team; they enjoyed leading the school-wide recycling initiative and made connections to the world around them on local field trips.

Our current initiatives, Professional Learning Teams, and field learning experiences support the learning that is evident through our PASS scores. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders all increased in the percentage of students scoring exemplary or met in ELA and mathematics in 2012. Our 3rd graders increased in ELA to 81.1% of our students performing at met or exemplary. In mathematics, 90.4% of our 4th graders scored met or exemplary on PASS. And, our 5th graders had tremendous growth showing a percent increase of 16.1% scoring met or exemplary. Because of our PASS scores, North was recognized as a Palmetto Gold school for General Performance in 2012.

Our PTA continues to do an outstanding job of raising funds to enhance technology in our classrooms. This year we decided to go in a different direction with our spring fundraiser, and Boosterthon was introduced to our North families. The Boosterthon team brought in an air of excitement and enthusiasm as students took a road trip to making good choices and focused on character, leadership, and fitness. It is our goal to equip all classrooms at North with iPads and to update all of our digital tools as we continue to enhance student learning.

As always, we continue to have high expectations for each North Knight. We are fortunate that our entire North family embraces our "lifelong learning" mission and that parents, students and teachers work together to ensure every child is receiving the best education we can provide. We are grateful to our dedicated group of volunteers and mentors for the time and hard work they bestow to make our school a wonderful place for teachers and students to work and learn.

Linda L. Blackwell, Principal; Jamekia Ford, SIC Chairman

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NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status